

NATURALISTS' PORTFOLIO.

FISHING IN A CORN FIELD.—In Colorado is a ten acre field which is simply a subterranean lake covered with soil about eighteen inches deep.

DUPPLICITY AND VANITY OF THE ELEPHANT.—There is no creature in the world so cunning as the elephant, and no creature, moreover, so full of duplicity.

PIGS "POKERS".—At the Zoological Gardens in Regent's Park are at present to be seen a pigmy hog and three sows from Nepal which are very important additions to the menagerie.

THE OSTRICH.—What the ostrich has in legs it lacks in wings, which are ridiculously small for so large a bird (so small that it does not attempt to fly).

TAKING COLD.—In order to enjoy good health it is not necessary to watch the operations of the system; in fact, that is one of the worst things one can do.

anything serious. But a cold taken on coming out of a crowded and poorly-ventilated room or railroad car is likely to result in pneumonia or typhoid fever.

GIAOUR AND MUSSULMAN. THE SITUATION IN THE EAST—THE REVOLT OF ISLAM.

Our Constantinople correspondent sends the following:—Like King Belshazzar, the Sultan Abdul Hamid loves to surround himself with soothsayers and astrologers.

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THE IRISH IN EGYPT.

An Interview with a Prominent Irish Nationalist on the present Crisis—How Irishmen have injured English Prestige in the East—The Egyptian Embroglio to be Ireland's Opportunity.

One of our reporters lately came across a gentleman from the other side of the border, who has a rather prominent position among the Irish Nationalists in the United States.

"I DON'T WANT THAT STUFF"—Is what a lady of Boston said to her husband when he brought home some medicine to cure her of sick headache and neuralgia, which had made her miserable for fourteen years.

WHERE PEOPLE SHOULD GO FOR HEALTH.

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there is beauty everywhere, above and around, and better still, there are bits of fall below. But of this more anon. Beaucharnois itself is a handsome town of about 1800 inhabitants, half of whom speak English.

WAS SCOBELLEFF POISONED?

Moscow, July 12.—The belief that Scobelleff was poisoned by Germans has taken firm hold of the popular mind in Russia, though nothing justifies the report.

THE SCOBELLEFF OBSEQUIES.

Moscow, July 11.—Grand Dukes Alexis and Nicholas, the Minister of War, all the Generals in the city and over one hundred thousand people attended the funeral mass of Scobelleff yesterday.

GENERAL SCOBELLEFF.

Scobelleff's personal appearance was thus described by Mr. MacGahan in a letter from Bucharest:—"Among the many officers on the Grand Duke's staff there is one who would attract attention anywhere, and whose career had been a curious and brilliant one.

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amid which Aunt Sukey bowed her head-over the hot coals and "dropped" the hoe cakes again, as the one that she had conveyed a live coal into the little cage, black pipe in her mouth, on which she drew vigorous fire.

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"It's annerd warnin', said Uncle 'Siah, with a deep groan. "Will Brudder Jones lead us in pray?" asked Aunt Sukey; "de hoe cakes can wait, I reckon."

A MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE.

CORDESBURG, N. Y., July 12.—When one of Mr. Beatty's sons went into Howard's room with warm water on Monday evening he was found stretched out on the bed shot in the head and back of the right ear.

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the undersigned, for and in behalf of the parishioners of St. Stephen, of Chelsea, beg to tender our sincere thanks to the Rev. Father Hogan and his parish of St. Ann's, of Montreal, for the very noble and generous manner in which they responded to the appeal of our esteemed pastor, the Rev. Father Brown, in aid of our church.

The shipments of coal from the port of Pictou, N.S., for the week ended July 10th, amounted to 9,393 tons, making a total this season to date of 48,790 tons.

Two steamers have landed the shore ends of the cable at Salina Cruz, Mexico, from the coast of Central American States, and leave Tehuantepec on Thursday, laying the cable southward to Panama, thus completing telegraphic communication from Valparaiso northward. The cables will be open to the public in August.

The three prisoners of Auburn, Clinton, and Sing-Sing earned, during the month of June, \$3,571.16 over their expenditures. In June of last year they earned a surplus of \$1,700.43, thus showing that their gains have been doubled.

KIDNEY WORT... HAS BEEN PROVED THE SUREST CURE FOR KIDNEY DISEASES.

There is no excuse for suffering from CONSTIPATION and a thousand other diseases that owe their origin to a disordered state of the stomach and bowels, and function of the Digestive Organs, when the use of...